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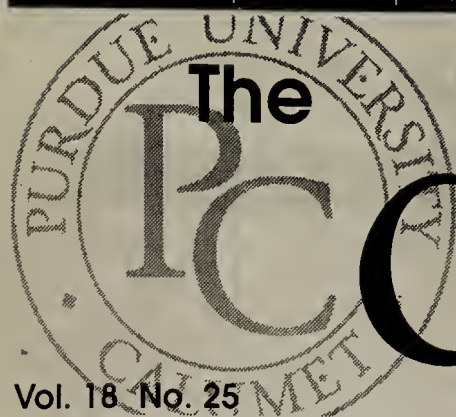
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SGA leaves students' questions unanswered

KINTAN D. BRAHMBHATT
Online Editor

The SGA presidential elections are scheduled on April 17 at 10 a.m. and no one knows who the presidential candidates are. The mood of the election this time is completely different from that during last semester.

Last semester, flyers and pamphlets littered the halls

and classrooms. This time, even the SGA bulletin board on the third floor of the SFLC is "out of order" and bare.

The SGA members had many reasons to support their failure in conducting any mass campaigning or any other sort of advertising and direct marketing to the student body, except a three of advertisements in *The Chronicle*.

The debate between the candidates was scheduled on April 11 and a question and answer session with the students was supposed to be held on April 12. Students failed to show up for the April 11 debate session. When 5:30 p.m. came about on April 12, SGA members and most of the student body failed to come to the question and answer session.

Lorrell Kilpatrick, president of the SGA, believes there were some technical problems that led to the cancellation of the debate.

"The tables for the debate were set up in SFLC-100, but the microphones were not working," Kilpatrick said.

Josh Hogg, a customer representative from the audiovisual department, believes that the short notice could have been a problem in equipment failure for the debate.

"We were informed about the need of the microphones just the night before. We were scheduled to provide the equipment to eight other events on the campus that day," he said.

"Had we been informed a little earlier, there would have been no such difficulties. We tried our best and look forward to help the SGA hold such events in the future," he added.

The SGA members seemed disappointed about the fact that there were just a few members in the SFLC lounge.

"There were just ten people in SFLC-100 where the session was scheduled. There was no interest shown from the students," Kilpatrick said.

Michelle Verduzco, director of student leadership development, believes that more could have been done to promote the SGA elections.

"There has been no publicity for the SGA elec-

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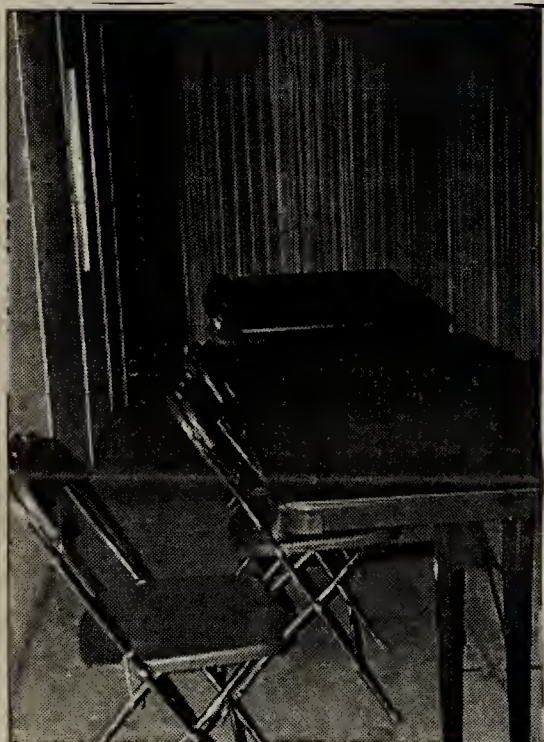


Photo by Kevin Kosovich

An empty table stood where the SGA question and answer session should have taken place on April 12 at 5:30 p.m.

PCCP adds new side to college life

KEVIN PLEBANSKI
Staff Writer

For most students, an opportunity to work in their major field of study is not available until several years into their college careers. Most students attend classes unaware of the opportunities around them and the benefits they can both give and receive.

The Office of Student Leadership Development's Purdue Calumet Cares Program is the newest way for students to get involved and put their personal, as well as field of major, skills to good use.

Michelle Verduzco, director of SLD, has been working on the idea for PCCP for more than a year. The intent of the program is to find students to volunteer to help local communities. Consisting of five committees, PCCP is a fresh new approach to getting students involved with their natural and communal environments.

Michelle Peak, the secretary of SLD, observed similar programs at the University of Notre Dame and

Valparaiso University. She has molded PCCP from the best concepts and actions she has seen at the other universities.

"We're looking for at least 100 students to come out," Dave Fanno, a graduate assistant in SLD, said.

Each project is taken from a pool of 48 agencies ranging from Meals On Wheels to Boy Scouts of America. The nationally recognized "Christmas In April" project, which will be held Saturday, April 29, is in cooperation with the city of Gary. Tasks such as removing litter and painting graffiti-covered walls are just a few of the tasks at hand for the event. Future events include October's "Make a Difference Day," which is also nationally recognized.

Aside from doing the volunteer work, there is the actual process of making sure students are aware of the program and its progress.

Chris Kosovich, a graduate assistant in SLD, and Gabriel Chaddock, a student worker in SLD, co-chair the Computing Data

Collection, Data Tracking and Web Development Committee, which keeps the PCCP Web site updated daily as needed. The site contains information on future meetings and projects, along with a history of their success and accomplishments.

"We can use anyone and whatever personal skill they have to add to the program," Kosovich said.

PCCP is urging people to apply their major skills, whether it is computer science, web design, marketing or anything else.

"If you're still looking for a reason to join, stop by the SLD office and pick up a brochure," Peak said.

The PCCP pamphlet touches on opportunities from starting to network with contacts to have a great addition to any resume along with the simple satisfaction of helping out your community. For further information about PCCP, e-mail them at studlead@calumet.purdue.edu.

Lecture points spotlight on ethics

CORTNEY CRONBERG
News Editor

There was hardly an empty seat in Alumni Hall on April 6, when Roger Boisjoly spoke about the Space Shuttle Challenger explosion.

Boisjoly was one of the engineers assigned to work on the space shuttle rocket booster problem at Morton Thiokol Inc. several months before the Challenger exploded. He was also one of the engineers who strongly advised NASA against launching the Challenger.

Boisjoly explained that management at NASA overwrote their recommendation.

"Never in history did anyone launch such a vigorous opposition to a launch," Boisjoly said.

After the Challenger exploded in 1986, Boisjoly said that he came forward with the complete truth about how he and others at MTI had told NASA that the Challenger was not safe to launch. Boisjoly explained that the Challenger exploded because of the inability of certain mechanisms to function properly in cold weather.

The people at MTI and NASA were involved in a late night telephone conversation the night before the Challenger launched.

Boisjoly said that a last effort was made by the engineering team at MTI to stop the launch, but their efforts did not stop the launch. He said that immediately following the explosion, NASA sent out a press release stating that the seven crew members had died immediately when the shuttle exploded, but such was not the case.

Boisjoly said that the crew was alive throughout the entire explosion and died when the remains of their space shuttle hit the surface of the ocean.

Boisjoly gave a detailed presentation on the technical difficulties that had been affecting the Challenger eight years before the launch.

John Rowan, an assistant professor of philosophy, said Boisjoly is considered disloyal and a "whistle blower" for telling the truth about the Challenger.

The presentation included slides of work done on the Challenger years before the launch.

Boisjoly also showed a video of the Challenger explosion.

"I hadn't seen the Challenger explosion for 14 years and the video was pretty powerful," Rowan said.

Boisjoly's talk centered around the issue of ethics and the crucial role they play in industry today. He explained the importance of responsibility, and in the case of the Challenger, ethical issues were ignored.

Sandra Singer, vice chancellor for academic affairs, said the presentation was very appropriate for a university because of the ethical issues that Boisjoly presented.

"His feelings about being one of the few people to tell the truth sent the message that telling the truth is always the right thing to do," she added.

Amy Sprengelmeyer, project coordinator for the Northwest Indiana Writing Project, said there are certain behaviors we adopt when we start our careers and we have a habit of acting a certain way in our positions.

The ethical issues of acting responsibly in our careers were one of Boisjoly's main points in the discussion.

"Ethics is especially important when human life is at stake. Certain policies should be followed to best protect human life," Rowan said.

Since the Challenger disaster, Boisjoly has spoken around the world about the accident and about ethical issues. He has appeared on the NBC Today Show, ABC's Good Morning America and National Public Radio.

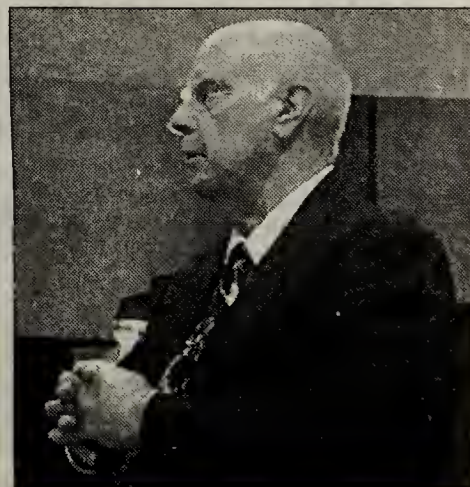


Photo by Michael D. Stewart

Roger Biosjoly explained to a large audience in Alumni Hall the ethical problems he experienced in dealing with NASA concerning the Challenger explosion.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Check out 3 new academic programs

Purdue Calumet's commitment to quality education starts with identifying and then offering academic programs that meet the needs and desires of our regional market.

As an institution that has been granted academic autonomy at the undergraduate level by the Purdue University Board of Trustees, Purdue Calumet has authority to further academic initiatives in response to challenges and objectives specific to this Northwest Indiana region.

To that end the university is introducing three new study offerings. One, a bachelor's degree option in fitness management, debuted this semester. The other two commence next fall: an associate degree option in computer graphics technology and a minor in environmental science.

Fitness management

This 64-credit hour program was developed for individuals interested in management and other supervisory opportunities within the fast-growing exercise/fitness/wellness/recreation/leisure industry. It complements Purdue Calumet's associate degree program in nutrition, fitness and health.

"The two-year associate degree program prepares students for entry level positions at health clubs and other fitness facilities, while this new fitness management option will provide more extensive learning and preparation, so that students will be more marketable to advance into management and other supervisory positions within the industry," said John Bobalik, instructor, exercise physiologist and coordinator of Purdue Calumet's Total Fitness Center.

Offered as an option to the bachelor's degree program in restaurant, hotel, institutional and tourism management (RHIT), the new program covers such curricula topics as: foods and nutrition, wellness strategies, health issues/problems, first aid, exercise physiology, anatomy and kinesiology, athletic and personal training, managerial accounting and financial management, marketing, club management and operations, human resource management, and recreational leadership.

Said Professor and Behavioral Sciences Department Head Michael J. Flannery, "This degree option is an important addition to RHIT's academic offerings because it gives students an opportunity to go beyond the associate degree level in the rapidly expanding leisure, recreation, sports and fitness market."

For more information, contact RHIT Program Coordinator and Professor Judith Hack (PORT 216B, PH: 989-2499).

Computer graphics technology

In response to the growing demand for workers with technical graphic skills, this new program is designed to prepare students for jobs in manufacturing, service and information industries as computer aided design (CAD) drafters, illustrators, page layout/designers and multi-media producers.

Individuals trained in computer graphics technology can develop engineering drawings, technical manuals, multimedia products, technical illustrations, web pages and more.

The program is an option track within the associate degree program in computer technology. Those who complete the option will be prepared for numerous jobs, or they may opt to broaden and enhance their expertise and skills by continuing their schooling in a related baccalaureate degree program—such as that offered at Purdue's West Lafayette campus.

"This option is important in today's technical society because computer graphics impacts virtually every form of business," Purdue Calumet Computer Aided Design Coordinator David McLees said. "CAD in engineering and construction, desktop publishing in advertising and marketing, and multimedia in e-commerce and Internet sites all require an understanding of computer graphics technology."

For more information, contact McLees (CLO 356, PH: 989-2526, or by e-mail: mclees@calumet.purdue.edu)

Environmental science

This program is designed to teach students to identify and understand environmental problems and participate in developing reasonable solutions; expose students to broad topics in the field at local, national and global levels; and to help prepare students for employment and/or graduate study in environmentally related fields.

Environmental science offers job and career opportunities as a biologist, chemist, economist, educator, engineer, health and safety specialist, lobbyist, lawyer, land-use planner, policy maker, journalist, risk assessment specialist, toxicologist, fish and wildlife manager/scientist, natural resource manager, park/forest ranger and veterinarian, among others.

"A lot of government and community agencies have indicated a need for trained professionals in this field," Professor Young D. Choi said. "We also are getting a growing number of phone calls from community residents indicating interest."

Other information can be obtained by contacting Professor Choi (GYTE 292, PH: 989-2325, or by e-mail: ydchoi@calumet.purdue.edu)

A reminder...early registration for summer and fall classes continues through May 5.

At a glance

around campus

Hoosier A.D.A.P.T

Hoosier A.D.A.P.T and Student Support Services will be sponsoring "Rock Hop" on April 22 from 1 to 4 p.m. in Alumni Hall. Refreshments will be served, but donations are needed. No admission will be charged. Door prizes will be awarded to those in attendance. For more information, call Andrea Murray at 932-4614.

Purdue University Marketing Association schedules meetings

PUMA will be meeting on various Thursdays throughout the semester. PUMA meetings are scheduled as follows:
April 20 at 5 p.m. CLO-190
May 4 at 5 p.m. CLO-190

Society for human resources management schedules meetings

The society for human resource management will be meeting on various Tuesdays throughout the semester. The society's meetings are scheduled as follows:
April 25 at 5:15 p.m. G-108

Student patrol officers needed

PUC Police Department is looking for students that have at least six credit hours to work as student patrol officers. The officers will be paid \$5.50 per hour and work 20 hours per week. The work schedule can be adjusted to fit your class schedule. For more information on the patrol officer's position, call Sgt. Zwier at (219) 989-2222.

Enjoy ballroom and swing dancing

The U.S. Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association is offering lessons for beginners and experienced dancers. The Slovak Club at 6920 Broadway in Merrillville, Ind. will be providing lessons for only \$3 with a student I.D. For more information, call Lillian at (219) 932-0452, Helen at (219) 924-4709 or Paul (219) 759-4527.

Bible study group

Campus Ministry International is holding an Endtime study every Tuesday from 12 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. in SFLC-321. Other studies offered by CMI are

Creation vs. Evolution Wednesdays from 3-3:45 p.m. in SFLC-317 and God's Infallible Word on Thursdays at noon and 3 p.m. in the SGA Senate Chamber. CMI also offers on and off campus Bible studies at arranged times. For more information e-mail CMI at cmipuc@xpc.calumet.purdue.edu.

Sorority ad booklet

Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority invites all Greek and student organizations to place ads in the sorority's forthcoming ad booklet. Proceeds will be used to fund a scholarship for one Latina student and one Latino student. For information, call Jessica at (219) 794-7176 or Veronica at (219) 844-0347 or leave a message in the sorority's mailbox outside of room SFLC-344B.

Scholarship, career assistance funds available

The American Association of University Women Educational Foundation awards \$3 million in fellowships and grants each year. Funds are available to graduate scholars, women advancing careers, public school teachers and community activists. Only to women are eligible to apply for the 2000-2001 funds, and women of color are strongly encouraged to apply. For more information, visit www.aauw.org/3000/fdnfelgra.html or call (319) 337-1716.

Hoosier A.D.A.P.T.

The PUC chapter of Hoosier A.D.A.P.T. is now located in SFLC-324E. Members of the organization seek to integrate the disabled and the nondisabled. For more information, visit the new office from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. or call Andrea Murray at (219) 932-4614.

International business group

The PUC chapter of the NWI World Trade Council is seeking new members. The organization tours financial exchanges, hosts discussions of the global economy and brings speakers who specialize in international commerce to campus. All students are welcome. For those interested, call Kathy or Joe (219) 989-2407

Quote of the week

'Let us so live our lives so that when we die even the undertaker will be sorry.'

**-Mark Twain
1856-1950**

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Professor profile:

Nicky Ali Jackson

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Staff Writer

When choosing their classes each semester, students often wonder which professors they want. Who is difficult or impossible are concerns that we all have this time of the semester. In a sea of qualified professors, one educator at PUC is truly making a difference in her students' lives.

The Criminal Justice Club has nominated Professor Nicky Ali Jackson as an outstanding staff member. Starting at PUC in August 1990, Jackson teaches criminal justice in the behavioral science department.

"She has a unique teaching style and is well liked and admired by her students," James Ghrist, the former president of the CJC and graduating senior, said. "She gives selflessly of herself and does not expect any accolades in return," he added.

In addition to being an inspiration to students, Professor Jackson is also the founder and current adviser of the CJC, which has become one of the largest and most active clubs on campus since 1991.

According to Ghrist, Jackson was his motivation for joining the club.

"(Jackson) communicates well with her students and gets her point easily across," Kysha Martin, a sociology and criminal justice major, said.

"She provides an initiative to learn and fosters independent thought in her students," she said.

"Jackson is an inspirational professor with charisma," Tricia Victor, a freshman with major undecided, said.

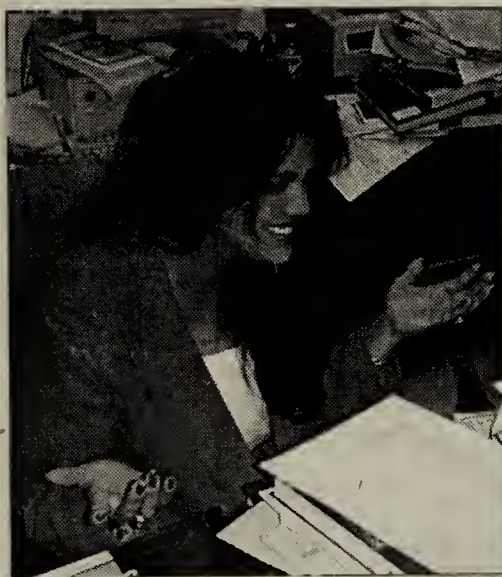
"She is fascinating and captivating and she is motivational," she added.

According to people in the organization, there are many students outside the Criminal Justice Club that feel this way about Professor Jackson. Her courses spark interests in students that may be taking the class simply to fulfill an elective requirement, but go on to change their major or minor to the field of Criminal Justice.

With the help of her club, Jackson has given students opportunities that they may not have had before. By organizing career days and social events in the field of criminal justice, students have been able to make contacts that have helped graduates launch their careers.

Many people in the club believe that Jackson deserves the Teacher of the Year Award, but has never been nominated due to a lack of announcements and knowledge of the award.

The club and other students feel that there has been a great injustice done to Jackson in the past by not being nominated, but hopes that this nomination will somehow make up for mistakes in the past.



Nicky Ali Jackson spends so much of her free time helping and mentoring numerous students that she has a stack of papers in her office she does not know what to do with.

Photo by Skye Enyeart

Campus profile:

University Relations

JEN BERG
Staff Writer

The Office of University Relations, located in Lawshe 356, is PUC's source for communicating news and information about the university. Any information about PUC, whether internal or external, is accessible through the office. This includes news, activities, expertise of facility staff and any information promoting PUC.

"We are the gate keeper, if outside entities were to come in search of information we'd be responsive to them, we proactively get out the word in a variety of different ways," Wesley Lukoshus, director of university relations, said.

With a weekly radio program on WJOB called Purdue Calumet Sports Insight that broadcasts every Friday at 5:30 p.m., sports topics are covered as well as announcements and other updates at the university. The office also helps the press who are working on news stories, who might need help with a university topic or help with the expertise of a campus faculty member.

University Relations

Director: Wesley Lukoshus

Location: Lawshe-356

Some of the services it provides: represents PUC to media and promotes new events at the university.

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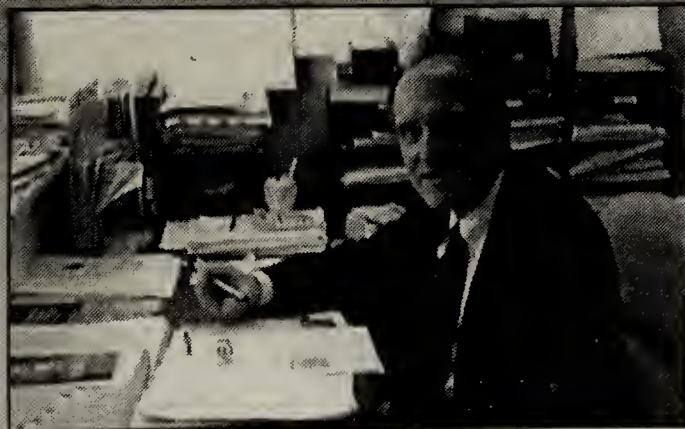


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Wesley Lukoshus, director of university relations, represents the university to local media sources as well as broadcasts a weekly radio show on WJOB.

ty member.

They are also responsible for academic brochures, programs and catalogues, in which they work closely with the admission offices preparing materials for them. The office also has a weekly column in *The Times* and a jobs and career column that appears every Wednesday in the business section, written by faculty and staff members. They produce a presentation video for the campus, the Web

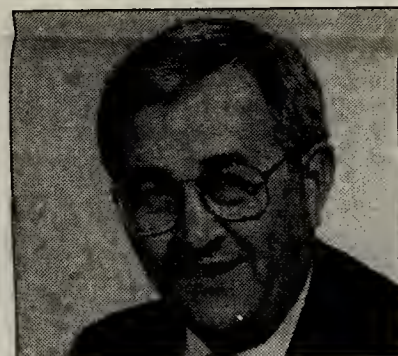
site content and lend a hand in the information center in the SFLC.

"We basically just try to get the word out on what's happening on campus. There are so many activities happening at one time," Kathleen Pucalik, coordinator of publicity, said.

Currently the Office of University Relations is looking for an intern for the summer. The prerequisite is completion of Introduction to Newswriting and students will get credit. They will help in the daily business and planning for the office. If anyone is interested in the position, visit the Office of University Relations or call the office at (219) 989-2217.

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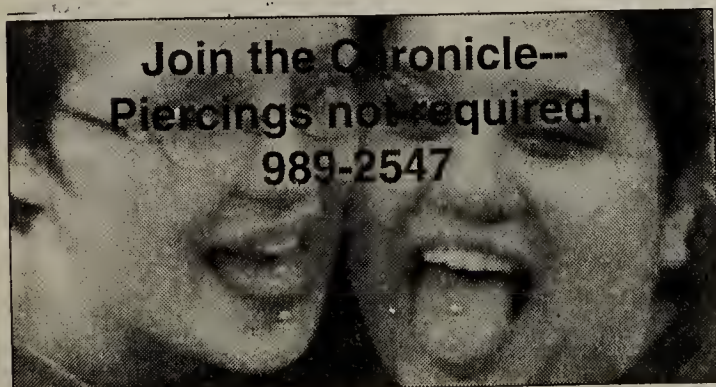
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SGA does it again

There are a few important elements that an organization must maintain in order to stay afloat: good communication skills, credibility, leadership and dedication.

The Student Government Association damaged all four of these elements last Tuesday and Wednesday when they failed to conduct the debate and question and answer session that they had promised to the student body.

It was decided that the debate would be canceled on Monday. Then on Tuesday, after the moderator and all other parties involved had been notified of the cancellation, it was decided that the debate would be held. This proves the lack of communication within the organization.

After publicity about both the debate and question and answer session through advertising in *The Chronicle*, the SGA failed to go through with their promise. This destroyed the credibility of the organization.

The SGA also failed to prepare for the event. According to Josh Hogg, a customer representative for the audio visual department, the SGA contacted them only one day prior to the scheduled event for use of microphones and equipment. At the same time the SGA planned to hold the debate and question and answer session, new student orientation and the Wellness Fair were taking place. Proper planning and organization for an event of this caliber are essential to reaching and representing the student body. The SGA is a group of students who are suppose to be leaders on campus and dedicate themselves to representing the students. How can they properly represent the student body if they fail to reach them?

According to Valdemar Garibay, a senator candidate in the upcoming election and Tim Piniak, current vice president of finance, the debate and question and answer session were not held due to a lack of interest on the part of SGA members and students. If members of the SGA do no care about the elections, what kind of message is that sending to the students? Do they really care about representing us or are they in SGA to have something to put on their resume? Is their involvement in the organization self-serving?

This, of course, is not the first time the SGA has done something similar to this. There has been a long history of the SGA having problems from within. The process within the SGA needs to be examined and revamped in order for them to regain their credibility.

If the SGA does not appear to care about reaching and representing students, is their really a need for the SGA?

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Elían's just a pawn

JASON DANANAY

Managing Editor

Local news reports have been devoting much time to little Elían Gonzalez and the torment that he is going through. I question who is putting him through this torment. The answer to this self-proposed question could be the thousands of people waiving flags outside of his house and nearly everywhere he goes in Miami.

This poor boy nearly died and did lose his mother recently. Now, he is a part of a cheap political debate. Politicians could care less about Elían. They see an opportunity to take a stance on an issue that is not really an issue. It is a safe issue to take a stand on because you can gain popularity among voters while avoiding the big issues like abortion and health care.

This tragic incident has also served as more fuel to the Anti-Cuba fire that has been sweltering for the last 40 years. People say that Cuba is not the place to raise a child. I raise the issue of where would be the ideal place to raise a child. I would think twice about raising a child in a place where someone cannot be charged with murder for shooting an unarmed man more than 20 times. I would also think twice about raising a child in a place where people are killed or oppressed because their sexuality is not in line with the mainstream.

Even if Cuba is not the perfect place to raise a child, it is not our decision. It is not a decision that should be made by the United States either. Elían has a father. He is not an orphan. We are still caught up in the idea that communism is bad and democracy rules over all forms of government. When we live in a country where we cannot walk down the street without wondering if an overzealous cop is the one that could kill us, how free are we anyway?

Letter to the Editor

After this semester, two of our finest educators will retire from Purdue Calumet: English Professor Charles Tinkham and Philosophy Professor Thomas Koenig. As an undergraduate, beginning as far back as 1981, I was fortunate to have taken classes with both individuals.

I remember professor Tinkham telling me that I needed to meet with him on a regular basis to discuss my writing (I actually needed his help). I met with him often throughout my time at PUC and our conversations were valuable to my learning. He was a good mentor. In regard to professor Koenig, he was instrumental in forming a philosophy club on campus which had a small, dedicated group that met regularly. During these meetings, I felt encouraged to discuss my beliefs and perceptions, and, feel that professor Koenig's classes were instrumental in many of the intellectual pursuits I continue to choose.

I want to thank both individuals for their dedication to student learning. With their retirement, our campus will not be the same.

Lee Rademacher
Academic Counselor

The people speak

Question of the Week: What are you doing to celebrate this year's Earth Day?



Steve Masleid

junior, pre-pharmacy

"I am going to plant a tree in my yard at home."

Chris Fontana

sophomore, CIS

"I have not thought about it yet."



Jacquese White

freshman, EE

"I am going to meditate and thank the Lord for this green earth."

David Cline

senior, secondary education

"I will be working."



Jennifer Olszewski

sophomore, math engineering

"I try to be aware of environmental issues all year long, so I will not do anything more than I usually do."



Event gives reason to rhyme

■ *Todos Somos Poetas* continues to spark interest in students, faculty

KINTAN D. BRAHMBHATT
Online Editor

PUC gave an opportunity to all amateurs and expert local poets to read their poetry in an event called *Todos Somos Poetas* held on April 7 in Gyte-103. A well-known poet, narrator and critic, Armando Romero, from University of Cincinnati was the guest speaker at the presentation. Romero has published extensively in Latin America and Spain. His poems and short stories have been translated in English, Portuguese, French and Greek.

"I am very honored by PUC giving me a chance to read my poems in such a nice gathering of poets of all categories. The diversity of the event marked by amateur and expert poets made this event an unforgettable event," Romero said.

"I am glad that PUC provides wonder-

ful opportunities like this to the local poets. The integration between different languages and different cultures is strengthened by such events. Even though the languages were different, the essence of the poetry was dominant in each of the poems," he added.

For 12 years, the department of foreign language and literatures has organized this event.

Carmen Torres-Robles, an assistant professor of Spanish and the director of *Todos Somos Poetas*, has seen the event take off over the years.

"The event has always got an overwhelming response from the poets of the community. Such events give a chance to the community members to show off their talent in front of other poets and such an inspiration is important to a poet," Torres-Robles said.

"Not only the members of PUC, but

also the members of the community participated this time. Moreover, there was no language restriction. There were poets who read their poems in Spanish, English, Italian, Macedonian and French," she added.

Poets of all ages gathered and read their poetry.

"The youngest poet, Chris Gonzalez, is only seven years old," Torres-Robles said.

Many faculty members participated actively in the event.

"I think that it is important to keep the tradition and hold such events. The poetry reading events like this gives an inspiration to the community members and especially the poets to share their talent," Marisa Garcia-Verdugo, an assistant professor of Spanish, said.

"Students should write poems and read them in front of other poets in such occasions. Moreover, with no language restric-

tion, people of various cultures and backgrounds can express their feelings and talent in the form of poetry," she added.

Some of them also read their poems.

Edward Anthony Pasko, an assistant professor of Spanish read the poem "Soledad de los Domingos."

Various professors from other universities in the region also attended the poetry reading.

"I did not understand all the languages in which the poems were read, but the poems were full of essence. The confidence and the satisfaction on the face of the poets, especially the amateur poets reflected their potential," Elizabeth Lynn, a professor at Valparaiso University, said.

"It is one of the few opportunities the local poets get to exhibit their hidden talent and their potential. They should be motivated by organizing more such events," she added.

Any shrimp on that barbie?

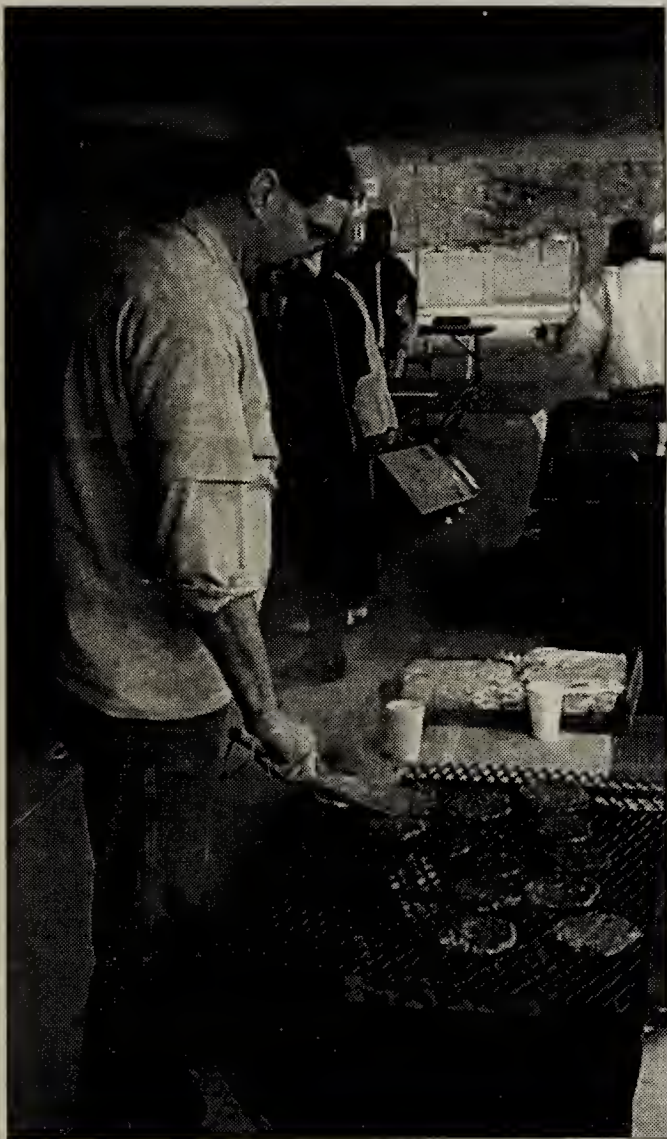


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Randy Thomas, a member of the PUC clerical and service staff, barbeques hamburgers outside the SFLC building to raise money for a scholarship fund.

SGA

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tions this time. I hoped to see some flyers from the SGA."

She said that the SGA should have done the candidate declaration, so the students know who is running for the elections.

The election committee was set up by the SGA, but the committee was just a couple of SGA members.

Michael D. Stewart, vice president of legislation, and SGA Senator Caleb Johnson are the only two members of the committee.

Stewart believes that the SGA is not the only party to blame in this pre-election failure.

"The SGA is invisible among the students and the PUC community members. There has been a lack of support from the univer-

sity," Stewart said.

"To the university, we are like clients or customers and we buy various classes. What we have got from the university is just negative criticism for all the tasks we have done as the SGA members. Instead of the appreciation of our tasks, there have been negative views of our plans," he added.

Many students do not know the names of the candidates that are running for the elections.

"I am up here (third floor of SFLC) everyday and I don't know when the elections are and who the presidential candidates are," Joyce Herrera, a sophomore and sociology major, said.

Stewart cites the university as a possible factor in SGA's downfall this semester.

"Without any other support from the university and a lack of appreciation, the interest of the present SGA members has been declining," he said.

The students' interest in running for the elections has also been declining.

Compared to more than 10 candidates last semester, there are only seven candidates running for all the possible positions available.

"Due to the lack of appreciation and the tasks assigned to the SGA, students are not interested in becoming a member of the SGA," Stewart said.

"The mandatory tasks the SGA is responsible for are just the student appeals. SGA should be assigned more important tasks along with the student appeals," he added.

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Stereotypes, racial profilings main focus of controversial film

'Black and White'



Allan Houston, one of basketball's hottest young stars, makes his motion picture debut in "Black and White."

JIM SABIN
Staff Writer

Take a ditsy female reporter, an extremely flamboyant gay man, rappers whose lives revolve around sex, drugs and violence, a crooked cop, a prima donna basketball star, Mike Tyson, who when onscreen, physically attacks the aforementioned gay man, and white teenagers who live in posh suburban homes and possess little or no street smarts and throw them all up onto the

silver screen you would have James Toback's self-described complex comedy entitled "Black and White." An even shorter and more descriptive title for this film would have been "Zero Stars," as in how many it should receive in nation-wide reviews.

Make no mistakes, James Toback, the man who, in the past, has brought us excellent pictures such as "Bugsy" and "Two Girls and a Guy," has failed miserably with his latest effort. In this instance, complexity adds nothing

to this production, unlike last year's magnificently woven complex drama "Magnolia." But to be honest, this picture is not even worthy of such a comparison. While possessing too many supposed subplots to list and absolutely no direction whatsoever, this film will go down as the biggest bomb of the year unless Pauly Shore decides to torture us with yet another attempt at acting.

That is not nearly the worst aspect of this picture. "Black and White," as it aimlessly bounces back and forth from meaningless scenes filled with murder and violent sex, continuously promotes the ignorance of stereotypes and racial profiling. There is absolutely nothing right, cute or funny about these actions. For its entire length of 100 minutes, not one scene goes by where we are spared Toback's sick idea of humor. As I watched this unfold amidst a cast of far too many, I was certain that the racially loaded character, Jar Jar Binks of Star Wars fame, would be making a cameo appearance at any moment.

The messages presented in this film are not welcomed at any time, let alone at a time in America's history when messages of unity and understanding are sorely lacking. Today, in our society, "White Flight" is an all-too-common phenomenon.

Homophobia is a reality and racial issues are on the front page of our newspapers and the leading stories on our nightly newscasts. Tales of an area police station being under investigation for racial profiling or stories regarding the killing of African immigrant Amadou Diallo at the hands of four white New York City policemen have become all too common.

The media exposing us to stories such as the Los Angeles Police Department being under investigation for so many crimes against minority residents that the city may go bankrupt by paying out settlements, or with reports of hate crimes being committed against members of the gay community, there is no escaping the violent nature and lack of understanding possessed by far too many Americans.

Quite simply, I was ashamed, saddened and extremely frustrated in knowing that any American, Toback in particular, would fail to recognize the significance of these issues, the danger of typecasting and the necessity of tolerance. "Black and White" paints in dreadfully broad strokes, labeling people of various races, religion, occupation and sexuality. I strongly urge any and everyone to avoid attending a screening of this film and contributing to its possible financial gains.



Brooke Shields and Power are just two of many famous people, such as Ben Stiller and model Claudia Schiffer, who appear in this film which is considered a semi-documentary.

Movie	'Black and White'
Actors	Power, Mike Tyson
Rating	0 of 10

Cheapskates rejoice: there's plenty of free stuff online

■ From shampoo to dog tags, numerous companies have stuff to giveaway, but there is one small inconvenience.

ED CIECHOMSKI
Staff Writer

Perhaps the most effective adjective in all of marketing is the word "free." The word litters advertisements everywhere from "buy one, get one free!" to "free to the first 500 customers!" The free toy inside the cereal box is a critical part of determining what many children will be filling their bowls with each week.

Billboards, newspapers and commercials alike use and abuse the word "free" to get consumers to buy what they offer. The Internet is no exception. Some simple searching can fill one's mailbox with a variety of complimentary novelties from many different companies searching for business.

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www.magneticimage.com, answer a few questions and they will send one out. This is one of the many company links available from the www.freestuffconnection.com Web site. Numerous companies have joined this site and are offering giveaways in return for some personal information.

Free magazines and catalogs are just a click of the mouse away on the Web site <http://site-freenet.virtualave.net>. Catalogs, books and brochures help companies promote whatever it is they are selling. If one is interested in the product for sale, pamphlets are often available free of charge.

Among the more popular Web sites is www.coolsavings.com. This site contains mostly coupons and postings for free commodi-

ties. Some simple web browsing may yield free shirts, toothbrushes and even film. Varieties of companies have joined the Internet bandwagon and are competing for online guests with giveaways.

From dog tags to jelly beans, numerous of giveaways can be found with a little effort. A savvy student may even find money. Elaine D. Bradley, a PUC student, said she searches for free scholarships online.

Contests and sweepstakes are also popular. Freecluter.com offers a variety of freebies and contests for users to enjoy. This site contains a search engine that allows one to search the site for specific free material.

"It's not hard to find free stuff. I found tons of stuff in matter of minutes," Rick Bonham, an engineering major,

said.

Thebigfree.com is one of the many Web sites that offer free screen savers and backgrounds for PCs. Free classified ads, magazine subscriptions, greeting cards and software are just a few of the many things that can be located here.

Don't be fooled, however, by all the free offers. Taking often means giving. Be sure to give out personal information with discretion. In some cases, a company sells a consumer's name to others, and in a matter of days, one's e-mail box can become overloaded. Many times reading the privacy agreement located somewhere on the page can give you insight into their policies. However, by using a little shopping savvy, the best things in life, maybe even a beer bottle opener, are free.

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It's time to get 'Ready to Rumble'

JOE JUAREZ
Staff Writer

Gordie Boggs and Sean Dawkins are just like any other typical best friends. They both have dead-end jobs, no girlfriends and to put it bluntly, no life. The only thing that is worthwhile in their life is watching "WCW Monday Nitro" live in their hometown of Lusk, Wyo. They make it a point of seeing their favorite wrestler and role model Jimmy King wrestle the likes of wrestlers "Diamond Dallas" Page and "Macho Man" Randy Savage. When King loses the WCW Championship and is fired by WCW, Gordie and Sean fear that their hero will fall from grace.

In the new Warner Brothers film, "Ready to Rumble," both Gordie (David Arquette, "Scream") and Sean (Scott Caan, "Varsity Blues") witness the biggest loss in Jimmy King's (Oliver Platt, "Bulworth") career. Not only does he lose his championship to arch nemesis "Diamond Dallas" Page, but WCW head, Titus Sinclair (Joe Pantoliano, "The Matrix") tells King that he is finished with wrestling and he has no use for him anymore.

Devastated by what they see, Gordie and Sean decide to make a commitment to search for their fallen hero and bring him back to the promise land of WCW. Thanks to a computer hacker, they receive information on King's whereabouts. After a long search, they finally find him living in a mobile home, drinking and living in his own filth. They make it their mission to help him train and get him back into the squared circle to regain his championship from Page.

Confident to see King back in

the ring, both Gordie and Sean challenge Page to put the title on the line against King inside of a "triple steel cage." Page accepts the challenge, but Sinclair warns King that if he loses he is done for and he can never wrestle again in any other organization. Tempted by the challenge and stipulation, the boys have four weeks to train him. They seek out trainer, Sal (Martin Landau, "Ed Wood") to help King improve his wrestling technique so he can succeed in Las Vegas, where the match is going to take place.

During King's training, Gordie meets Nitro girl Sasha (Rose McGowan, "Jawbreaker") and falls head over heels for her. Sasha, however, may not be exactly what he expects her to be.

This movie also features cameos from top WCW wrestlers like "Goldberg," "Sting," "Booker T," "Kidman" and "Disco Inferno."

I enjoyed the fact that the way the story line actually had a plot. The comedy also contains several off-the-wall the remarks from Arquette.

Overall, "Ready to Rumble" proves that no matter how old you are, you can have your dreams in life come true. That includes becoming a professional wrestler. As Sean says, "Professional wrestling, the sport of kings. The wrestlers are the heroes of history..."

Movie	"Ready to Rumble"
Actors	David Arquette
Rating	6 of 10

New Film Releases

April 28

The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas
(Animated)

Frequency
(Dennis Quaid, Anne Braucher)

Gossip
(Norman Reedus, James Marsden)

Where the Heart Is
(Natalie Portman, Ashley Judd)

Bossa Nova
(Amy Irving, Antonio Fagundes)

Time Code
(Saffron Burrows, Stellan Skarsgard)

May 5

I Dreamed of Africa
(Kim Basinger, Vincent Perez)

Scary Movie
(Keenan Ivory Wayans, Shannon Elizabeth)

Gladiator
(Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix)

May 10
Far from Home
Juan (Robert Alonzo, Rene Flores)

May 12
Sugar and Spice
(James Marsden, Mena Suvari)

Horoscopes For the week of April 17

Aries (March 21-April 19).

You're lucky through the middle of the week, so don't procrastinate. Take care of a personal matter with a partner or attorney on Monday and Tuesday. Pay a big bill on Tuesday or Wednesday but save enough to buy food. Definitely go someplace fun this weekend, preferably with an older person you respect and admire.

Taurus (April 20-May 20).

Take care of old business Monday and Tuesday and clean up everything you possibly can. Around Wednesday the sun will come into your sign, and you and a partner can accomplish a lot — if you can keep from squabbling over petty jealousies. Friday and Saturday should be good for shopping, especially if you want to buy expensive items that have to last a long time. Hang out with relatives on Sunday.

Gemini (May 21-June 21).

Friends need your support on Monday and Tuesday. Help them figure out what to do next. Get practical Wednesday and Thursday and get as much work done as possible. By Friday you'll lose interest in being serious, and you'll only want to play. This condition lasts through most of Saturday. It may be Sunday before you can be trusted to make wise financial decisions again, so take care!

Cancer (June 22-July 22).

You could get slightly frazzled on Monday and Tuesday. You should calm down on Wednesday, and Thursday looks good for romance. You may be in the mood to work on Friday and Saturday, so set it up. On Sunday let your partner make all major decisions and do the driving, too. You should just lean back and enjoy the scenery.

Leo (July 23-

Aug. 22). You may be in a good mood the first part of this week. Getting

studying done will be hard — but worthwhile. You could have some good opportunities during the next few weeks, starting about Wednesday. The harder you work, the luckier you'll get. Schedule romantic and sports activities for Friday and Saturday and do household projects on Sunday.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). By now your money matters should be pretty well figured out. Wrap up any loose ends so you can take a vacation after Wednesday.

Travel conditions get much better then. Do planning and errands on Thursday. Tidy up your place on Friday and Saturday so you can have company over on Sunday.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If

you have partnerships or legal matters that need attention, do them Monday and Tuesday. Don't wait any

longer. Figure out your budget on Wednesday and Thursday and put as much as you possibly can into savings. This is important! Cram the most interesting activities you can think of into Friday and Saturday but keep Sunday quiet. You'll want to catch up on your beauty rest then.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

Monday and Tuesday could be slightly stressful. Check as many items as you can off your list so you'll be free to do other things. After about Wednesday you'll become more interested in partnerships. Any you make during the next few weeks will last, so think about your options carefully. Wednesday and Thursday will be good for serious discussions. You could discover a real treasure on Friday or Saturday, so dig for one. Sunday's best for catching up on family gossip and doing errands.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

Monday and Tuesday should be lots of fun. Be careful, though, because reality may rear its ugly head around Wednesday. You'll have lots of work, through the end of the month, so be prepared. Finish old business on Wednesday

and Thursday. Keep a notebook around on Friday and Saturday; you'll come up with brilliant ideas then. Buy yourself a practical, special treat on Sunday.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

Your home and family are important to you on Monday and Tuesday, so you can entertain around Wednesday. You'll want to have loved ones around for the next four weeks, at least. Fall in love on Wednesday and Thursday. On Friday and Saturday work needs to be done, so scurry around and do it. Have people over again on Sunday.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

Study on Monday and Tuesday, as quickly as you can. So many interesting things going on, so little time!

You may decide to fix a few things around the house during the next few weeks. Make a big decision or two on Wednesday and Thursday. These will stick, so be careful. Get together with friends on Friday and Saturday. Go through your notes on Sunday and do whatever you've forgotten that's due tomorrow!

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20).

You have probably thought a lot about money for the past few weeks. Put as much as you can into savings on Monday and Tuesday. Your focus will shift to education for the next few weeks. You'll absorb new material well over the next few weeks. Tackle the most difficult subjects you can think of, especially Wednesday and Thursday. Learn from your elders on Friday and Saturday and goof off with friends on Sunday.

If You're Having a Birthday This Week ... April 17: A partner is handy to have, especially this year. Besides companionship, the two of you could strike it rich! April 18: Save up your pennies, and you may be able to take another honeymoon. Get your partner to save up, too, and it's a sure thing. April 19: Finish old business this year. Your past experience will lead you to a more secure future. April 20: Ask for what you want this year.

New Album Releases

April 18

"Exxxile on Main Street"
Various Artists

"Family Values"
Various Artists

"Heavy Metal 2000 Original Soundtrack"
Various Artists

"Take Me Home"
(John Denver Tribute)

"Flying Saucer Blues"
Tracy Bonham

"Protentious"
Peter Case

"Anita"
Anita Cochran

"Met.a.Mor.Phic"
Dalvin DeGrate (Ex-Jodeci)

"Live from the Sun"
Dokken

"The Millennium Concert"
(Madison Square Garden) - Billy Joel

"Color Moving and Still"
Chantal Kreviazuk

"Rock, Star, God"
The Makers

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BOB GRANTZ
Sports Editor

Players from the NFL have become more of a fixture in the nightly news lately. The coverage has not been for their superior play on the field though; it has been for their illegal acts off the field.

The most recent player to make the news is Mark Chmura, tight end for the Green Bay Packers. Chmura was arrested April 10 for allegedly sexually assaulting a 17-year-old girl at a party.

This is just another example of a football player making a stupid decision and ruining their image. Chmura used to be viewed as a wholesome family man; he was even a spokesman for the United Way. For some reason I don't think that "wholesome" is a term that anyone will be using to describe him for some time to come.

The truly ironic part of this whole situation is that Chmura came out and publicly chastised President Clinton for the Monica Lewinski scandal.

I wonder if Chmura ever heard that people in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.

Chmura is not the first to get himself in trouble. Michael Irvin of the Dallas Cowboys has been arrested for drug and prostitution charges more than one time. In January, Ray Carruth from the Carolina Panthers was arrested for allegedly killing his pregnant ex-girlfriend.

So what's going on with the NFL these days? Probably nothing new. Some players have cheated on their wives and done some type of drugs for quite some time. The only difference is that the guys in the past were a little more conscientious of not getting caught.

Things have become so bad that the NFL has passed an anti-crime rule. Any player involved in a crime off the field will be fined and suspended.

It's a good start but more needs to be done. If things continue on this way, NFL team colors will all become penitentiary jumpsuit orange.

Personally, I think that these guys are getting out of control. Just because they become famous pro athletes, they think that rules don't apply to them. I don't remember ever hearing that rule but maybe I missed that memo.

These athletes have everything going their way and they blow it all on something really dumb. If Chmura wanted to cheat on his wife so bad, why not pick someone of legal age?

These men are, whether they like it or not, role models to some of the kids who watch the sport. These kids see a dramatic diving catch in a game and think "I want to be like him when I grow up." Then, a couple days later they see the same guy on the news for getting pulled over with a pound of heroin stored underneath the gun in their car. This behavior then becomes almost acceptable to the child and they take note.

What these kids don't see is that their hero is now an inmate at the nearest jail. No more diving catches, no more signing bonuses, just bars and rules.

If nothing is done about these players, many of America's up-and-coming athletes may end up spending their twilight years in Leavenworth.

The question is what is to be done about these men. Chmura has yet to be charged for sexual assault and Irvin got off without ever being formally charged either. Instead of letting these guys just waltz out with a slap on the wrist, actually give them the punishment that would normally go along with the crime.

Famous athletes should no longer get to treat the law as some sort of suggestion for them to consider. Make them realize that the rules that apply for society apply to them as well.

Any Questions or Comments? Contact Bob Grantz at grantzrj@axp.calumet.purdue.edu.

Fair flexes muscles, minds

PATRICK MORLEY
Staff Writer

Ever wondered whether you might be at risk for heart disease? Have you thought about learning CPR or just questioned whether taking your vitamins is all its cracked up to be? Well, chances are, if you attended the Wellness Fair in the SFLC building's main concourse and Alumni Hall on April 11, you found the answers to such questions and maybe learned a little something about this thing called "wellness".

The Wellness Fair provided a one-of-a-kind forum between the representatives of every sort of health organization from the American Institute for Cancer Research to Shaklee Sports Nutrition to the university's own Erector Spinae Universitas.

Each of the approximately 35 organizations involved had one thing in common, however: a dedication to informing those on campus of the various aspects of achieving and maintaining wellness.

But what is wellness exactly? The answer to that question often depends on whom you ask.

Exercise Specialist George Martinez, from the St. Catherine Hospital Center for Diabetes, explained that not only exercise, but also eating a balanced diet and awareness of hereditary factors are essential to the prevention of many physical diseases.

According to Kaaren Mashura from Shaklee Sports

Nutrition, increasing stamina, building strength, and recovering efficiently from rigorous physical activity (including everything from weightlifting to lawn mowing) are vital ingredients of wellness.

Stress can steal your health, and good nutrition is only part of the answer.

In an interview with Director of Wellness and Fitness Rob Jensen, he explained his view of what wellness means.

"The simplest, shortest way to wellness...is managing stress," Jensen said.

As the driving force behind the Wellness Center's stress management program, Jensen sees exercise, among other things, to be important to both physical and mental health. In retrospect, Jensen praised the booth representatives for their educating services, mentioning how so many attendees were aware of techniques for improving health, but unaware of how to use them.

Jensen also mentioned the success of the Fair's prize drawing, which included a special twist. Participants could pick up a card with spaces for 15 initials, which would then be taken around the booths visited and

signed by a representative.

After all spaces were so initialed, one would drop their card in a drawing box, making one eligible for various prizes.

Jensen commented on the amazing ability of this incentive to get participants to explore the Fair's offerings to the fullest.

"When we started, we had about 500 cards. At the end of the day, all of them were used up," Jensen said.

But regardless of the prizes or the crowd's favoritism of some booths over others, one thing remained clear: the Wellness Fair was a place to help you or someone you know begin the path to better health, no matter what your individual goal happened to be.

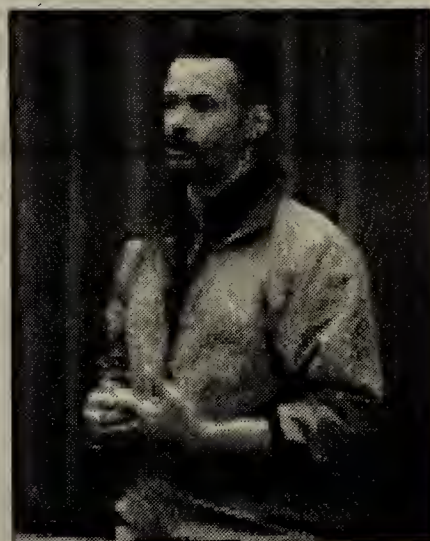
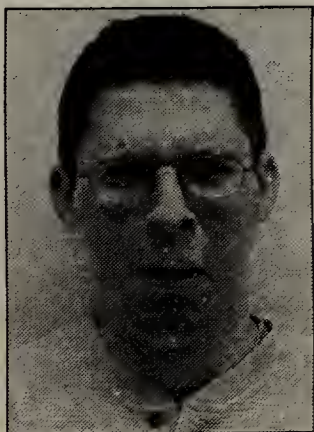


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Larry Nash, ABC Channel 7 Fitness Reporter, was a special guest speaker at the Wellness Fair.



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